

(b) Adequate protection of trust resources is not assured;

(c) The proposed project or function to be contracted for cannot be properly completed or maintained by the proposed contract;

(d) The amount of funds proposed under the contract is in excess of the applicable funding level for the contract, as determined under section 106(a) of the Act; or

(e) The program, function, service, or activity (or portion of it) that is the subject of the proposal is beyond the scope of programs, functions, services, or activities that are contractible under the Act because the proposal includes activities that cannot lawfully be carried out by the contractor.

**§ 900.146 Is technical assistance available for waiver requests?**

Yes. Technical assistance is available as provided in § 900.7 to prepare a waiver request or to overcome any stated objection which the Secretary might have to the request.

**§ 900.147 What appeal rights are available?**

If the Secretary denies a waiver request, the Indian tribe or tribal organization has the right to appeal the decision and request a hearing on the record under the procedures for hearings and appeals contained in subpart L of these regulations. Alternatively, the Indian tribe or tribal organization may sue in Federal district court to challenge the Secretary's action.

**§ 900.148 How can an Indian tribe or tribal organization secure a determination that a law or regulation has been superseded by the Indian Self-Determination Act, as specified in section 107(b) of the Act?**

Any Indian tribe or tribal organization may at any time submit a request to the Secretary for a determination that any law or regulation has been superseded by the Act and that the law has no applicability to any contract or proposed contract under the Act. The Secretary is required to provide an initial decision on such a request within 90 days after receipt. If such a request is denied, the Indian tribe or tribal organization may appeal under subpart L of these regulations. The Secretary

shall provide notice of each determination made under this subpart to all Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

**Subpart L—Appeals**

**APPEALS OTHER THAN EMERGENCY REASSUMPTION AND SUSPENSION, WITHHOLDING OR DELAY IN PAYMENT**

**§ 900.150 What decisions can an Indian tribe or tribal organization appeal under this subpart?**

(a) A decision to decline to award a self-determination contract, or a portion thereof, under section 102 of the Act;

(b) A decision to decline to award a construction contract, or a portion thereof, under sections 105(m) and 102 of the Act;

(c) A decision to decline a proposed amendment to a self-determination contract, or a portion thereof, under section 102 of the Act;

(d) A decision not to approve a proposal, in whole or in part, to redesign a program;

(e) A decision to rescind and re-assume a self-determination contract, in whole or in part, under section 109 of the Act except for emergency re-assumptions;

(f) A decision to refuse to waive a regulation under section 107(e) of the Act;

(g) A disagreement between an Indian tribe or tribal organization and the Federal government over proposed reporting requirements;

(h) A decision to refuse to allow an Indian tribe or tribal organization to convert a contract to mature status, under section 4(h) of the Act;

(i) All other appealable pre-award decisions by a Federal official as specified in these regulations, whether an official of the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services; or

(j) A decision relating to a request for a determination that a law or regulation has been superseded by the Act.

**§ 900.151 Are there any appeals this subpart does not cover?**

This subpart does not cover:

(a) Disputes which arise after a self-determination contract has been